



**FALL CLEANUP DAY:** If getting rid of excess stuff has been on your to-do list, it's time to let the purging begin. Republic Waste Services will schedule extra crews **OCTOBER 16** to collect additional trash and unwanted items as part of fall cleanup day. Construction debris, concrete, household hazardous waste, paint, pool chemicals and leaves are NOT included.

# GAZEBO EXPRESS

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## BUILDING OUR FUTURE

The Russell Group is tweaking plans prior to appearing before the Highland Plan Commission and Town Council later this year regarding its senior housing facility. Redevelopment Director Kathy DeGuilio-Fox said this first-of-its-kind senior housing has been designed to provide upscale options for Highland's active, independent seniors. 🐾

### THE PROJECT ...

Developers began looking at Highland as a location for a senior housing complex adjacent to the Ultra Foods Plaza in 2016. They abandoned the plan because of problems with the site, but continued looking for possible locations in Highland.

Earlier this year, Russell struck a deal with the Strack family to purchase nearly 20 acres along Ernie Strack Drive between Kleinman and Cline.

Following the purchase, the company made an offer to build a new public works facility and is negotiating an installment sales contract for the project.

"I've been meeting with Russell developers for nearly two years and have found them to be all about quality," Councilman Bernie Zemen said. "Independent living geared to active seniors is something our town has been lacking. The Russell development is the kind of housing I wish had been here for my parents."

Please look for more information on this project in the November issue of the Gazebo Express. 🐾

### THE AMENITIES ...

Multiple dining options will be available with meals prepared by an on-site chef. Amenities may include game rooms, bistro and café, library, general store, theatre area, salon, a possible computer-business area and a large wellness center equipped with fitness equipment and offering daily fitness classes, including Zumba, yoga and tai chi. 🐾

### THE RESIDENCES ...

There will be three distinct groups of residents living at the Highland complex. All residences will be leased at market rate. 🐾

- ✓ Independent living: At least 70 apartments with full kitchens, in-unit laundry and garages.
- ✓ Assisted living: 50 to 60 assisted living apartments with kitchenettes and laundry.
- ✓ Memory care: 18 to 20 specially designed apartments with programming for those with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia-related illnesses.

## FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Autumn leaf collection begins Monday, **OCTOBER 15** and will conclude **DECEMBER 7**. The insert in this issue of the Gazebo Express contains dates for leaf collection in your neighborhood.



## DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAM

Turn in unused or expired medications to the proper authorities instead of flushing or throwing them out. Highland Police will be participating with the Drug Enforcement Agency as a drop-off site for medications from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **OCTOBER 27**. The Highland Police Department is located at 3315 Ridge Road. **QUESTIONS?** Call Ken Balon or Ralph Potesta at (219) 838-3184.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT OPENING

The Highland Police Department is accepting applications through **OCTOBER 15** — from certified police officers and non-certified individuals — to establish a hiring list for full-time probationary police officers. Applications may be picked up and dropped off at the Highland Police Department, 3315 Ridge Road. Learn more at [highlandpolice.com](http://highlandpolice.com).

**QUESTIONS?** Call the HPD at (219) 838-3184 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## TREE ADVISORY BOARD

Resident Paul Graegin has been named as the final member of the newly formed Highland Tree Advisory Board. The advisory board is tasked with increasing the tree canopy through the planting of a variety of hardy species on public land that will provide additional shade, intercept rainfall and increase the ability of soil to store water in and around the roots.

**MEETINGS:** The Highland Tree Advisory Board meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of month at Town Hall, 3333 Ridge Road.

## RAILROAD RULING

A ruling from the Indiana Supreme Court means police departments are no longer able to issue citations to railroad companies when their trains block railroad crossings for longer than 10 minutes. The court based its ruling on a 1995 law prohibiting states from enacting any regulations that govern railroads. Police Chief Pete Hojnicky said that means Highland Police are not allowed to ticket railroads for blocking crossings. Complaints or questions should be directed to the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration Region 4 office at (800) 724-5040.

## PUBLIC WORKS OPENINGS

Highland Public Works is seeking qualified candidates for the following temporary and full-time job openings:

- Temporary leaf collection
- Mechanic

**INFO:** Visit [highland.in.gov/publicworks](http://highland.in.gov/publicworks) to download an application and view complete job descriptions including hourly pay.



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## BALANCING THE BUDGET

Here's a look at the proposed budgets and levies for 2019. The budget figures represent the amount expected to be raised from all sources to pay 2019 bills, while the levy figures represent dollars raised through property taxes in 2018 and those expected to be raised in 2019.

TAXING UNIT	2018 CERTIFIED LEVY	2019 PROPOSED BUDGET	2019 PROPOSED LEVY	PUBLIC HEARING
CIVIL TOWN*	\$10,238,837	\$20,384,801	\$12,790,541	7 PM OCT. 22
SANITARY DISTRICT	\$2,525,857	\$5,072,645	\$5,855,818	6:30 PM OCT. 15
WATER DISTRICT	\$148,516	\$151,952	\$284,380	6:30 PM OCT 15

SOURCE: Indiana Gateway for Government Units

\* Includes Parks and Recreation

## 2019 BUDGET INCLUDES 3 PERCENT PAY HIKE FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

When the Town Council adopts its 2019 budget later this month, they plan to submit a balanced spending plan that includes a 3 percent increase for all full-time employees.

In early October, the council met with department heads to trim requests that exceeded expected property tax revenues by about \$250,000.

For Clerk-Treasurer Michael Griffin, the impact of the state circuit-breaker law, which regulates how much property taxes can increase in a given year, is a moving target he must accommodate to

guarantee there are ample dollars to pay the bills.

Town Council President Mark Herak said the town is always prepared for the unexpected thanks to Griffin.

"The council followed the recommendation of our Clerk-Treasurer to create an operating reserve to eliminate our need to borrow in anticipation of property tax distributions," Herak said. "We have not had to borrow for at least the last six years, which has saved the town and its property owners more than \$200,000." 🐦

## NOVEMBER REFERENDUM ASKS RESIDENTS TO VOTE ON LINCOLN CENTER EXPANSION

When residents go to the polls Nov. 6, they will be asked to cast a vote regarding the expansion of Lincoln Center to include an indoor sports arena.

Originally contemplated to be part of the renovation and expansion of Lincoln Community Center, the Park Board decided in 2010 to make it part of a future expansion.

With a total projected cost of \$15 million that will be paid for over time, the project will cost the average homeowner – with an assessment of \$170,000 and a homestead exemption – an additional \$7.87 per month if the project is approved.

**INFO** To find out more about the Lincoln Center project and how it would impact you, visit [highlandparks.org](http://highlandparks.org) and click on Lincoln Center Expansion. 🐦

## ABOUT THE FACILITY

At 49,875 square feet and featuring a roof 40 feet above the turf, the multipurpose facility would provide ample space for group sports – such as soccer, baseball, softball, ultimate Frisbee as well as batting cages and driving ranges for golf enthusiasts – eight months of the year. During the remaining four months, flooring would be placed over the turf for basketball and volleyball, making it suitable for year-round use.

If approved, financing, design, permitting, bidding and construction would take about 24 months with an anticipated October 2020 completion.

# FESTIVAL OF THE TRAIL

The countdown is on for Highland's 2018 Festival of the Trail.

This year, the festival will also serve as the finale of Highland's observance of the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs Downtown Development Week from October 8-14.

Activities include:

- ✓ The kickoff of the first-ever Pet Halloween Costume Contest Wednesday, Oct. 10 at The Hydrant Dog Grooming, 8630 Kennedy.
- ✓ A grand opening celebration Friday, Oct. 12 at the Green Witch Juice Bar & Café, 2845 Highway Avenue.
- ✓ A mural project on an exterior wall at Focused Pain Relief, 2621 Highway Avenue, just in time for the festival.

Dawn Diamantopoulos, president of Highland Main Street, said excitement is building for the event, which will focus exclusively on the work of local artists up and down Jewett Street east of Kennedy Avenue.

"Bring yourself. Bring your friends and neighbors. This is going to be a fantastic event for Highland," she said.

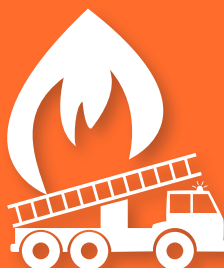
"There will be at least a dozen artists, live music, poetry readings at the Mural Alcove, a Teen Art Contest at the Highland Branch Library and a Farmer's Market, hosted by Zandstra's Farm and Greenhouse."

## FESTIVAL OF TRAIL

11 AM – 3 PM OCTOBER 13

This year's festival — on Jewett Street between 4th and Kennedy — will have an eye on the arts, including:

- Artist and vendor booths
- Live music and poetry at the Mural Alcove
- Teen art contest
- Farmer's market



## FOOD, FUN & FIRE

During the Oct. 13 festival, the Central Fire Station will host an open house where kids can play with water, ride fire trucks and watch a side-by-side burn. Food and refreshments will be served.

**WHERE:** 2901 Highway Avenue

**INFO:** Call (219) 923-9876.

## SUPPORT OPERATION SOS

Operation SOS - Support Our Service members - needs your donations of items and cash to send cheer boxes to service members overseas.

Drop off donations through **NOVEMBER 2** at Town Hall, Lincoln Community Center or Miles Bookstore. A packing party will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **NOVEMBER 25** at Wicker Memorial park Social Center.

Anyone wishing to contribute cash to help pay for shipping should make a check payable to: Operation SOS, P.O. Box 9308, Highland, IN 46322.

**INFO:** Call (219) 682-6097, email [aguirrecolleen@yahoo.com](mailto:aguirrecolleen@yahoo.com) or like us on Facebook @operationsos46322.



## CHRISTMAS BAZAARS

Looking for that special gift? Check out one of the many Christmas bazaars — featuring arts, crafts, quilts, candy, holiday decorations, baked goods and more — hosted by our local churches.

### GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Grace Notes have been busy making salsas, jams and zucchini relish from produce grown in the church's garden. These delicious goodies — as well as homemade vanilla, beer bread and soup mixes — will be available for purchase at the holiday bazaar in addition to homemade crafts and baked goods. Lunch will be available, too!

**WHEN:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, **NOVEMBER 3**

**WHERE:** Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 3711 Ridge Road

**INFO:** Please call (219) 838-1458.

### OUR LADY OF GRACE

The Altar & Rosary Sodality will host its 47th annual Christmas bazaar featuring arts, crafts, quilts, candy, holiday decorations, a pet shop, garden booth, homemade baked goods and more. The bazaar also features a delicious lunch on Saturday and donuts on Sunday.

**WHEN:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, **NOVEMBER 3** and 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, **NOVEMBER 4**

**WHERE:** Our Lady of Grace School cafeteria, 3025 Highway Ave.

**INFO:** Please call (219) 838-1458 or (219) 838-9011.



## COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Do you have stuff you'd like to sell, but don't want people in your home? Join the community garage sale in conjunction with the Card & Comic Show. Register to sell your items now!

**WHEN:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **OCT. 13** and **NOV. 17**

**WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center

**VENDOR FEES:** \$33 for 10' X 10' interior space or \$54 for 23' x 6' wall space.

Table, chairs, extension cords not provided.

**INFO:** highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114

## HIGHLAND YOUTH BASKETBALL

Students in kindergarten through Grade 5 will play a 10-game season while learning the fundamentals of basketball. The league will consist of three divisions: Kindergarten and 1st Grade, 2nd and 3rd Grade, 4th and 5th Grade. Games are on Saturdays and practice on weekdays. Teams are determined by a player draft. All players receive a T-shirt.

**DEADLINE:** Register by Sunday, **OCT. 14**

**FEE:** \$50 residents/\$55 nonresidents

**PRACTICE:** Begins week of **NOV. 5**

**GAMES:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **DEC. 1 - FEB. 16**

**WHERE:** Lincoln Center Fieldhouse

**INFO:** highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114

## CO-REC VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Get ready to spike, block and dig your way to the top of the 10-week league season. Two matches (three games each) are played weekly. Rally scoring is used. Players must be 18 years of age or older and cannot be participating in high school sports.

**DEADLINE:** Register by **OCTOBER 21**

**FEE:** \$300 per team

**GAMES:** 6-10 p.m. Thursdays, **NOV. 1 - JAN. 10**

**WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center

**INFO:** highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114

## CALLING ALL VENDORS!

Highland Parks and Recreation is now accepting crafters and vendors for its annual fall show featuring candles, handbags, home décor, skin care, gourmet dips and more.

**VENDOR FEES:** \$43 for 10' X 10' interior space and \$70 for 23' x 6' wall space. Table, chairs, and extension cords are not provided.

**WHEN:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, **NOV. 24**

**WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center

**INFO:** highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114

## MOTHER & DAUGHTER BRUNCH

Dress up in your favorite princess dress and join us for brunch! The event features a catered breakfast, games and a craft. Each mother-daughter duo receives a free 5x7 photo. Deadline to register is **OCTOBER 28**.

**AGES:** 5-12

**WHEN:** 10-11:30 a.m. **NOVEMBER 3**

**WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center

**FEE:** \$30 residents/\$35 nonresidents,

\$15/\$17.50 each additional daughter.

**INFO:** highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114



## TRI KAPPA BOO BLAST

**2-5 PM OCTOBER 20**

Lincoln Center Fieldhouse

Join us for a costume-filled afternoon of games, storytelling, food and music for all kids 10 and under.

**TICKETS:** \$5 at the door or in advance at Lincoln Center or through Tri-Kappa members.

**INFO:** mhtrikappa@gmail.com



## TRUNK-OR-TREAT

**3-6 PM OCTOBER 27**

Homestead Park

Interested in participating?

The Highland Council of Community Events invites merchants and organizations to participate.

Costumes and decorated vehicles are encouraged.

Set-up time is from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Register at eventbrite.com. Deadline is October 25.

**INFO:** Email Highlandcce@gmail.com.

## TRUNK-OR-TREAT

**5-7 PM OCTOBER 31**

New Life Christian Reformed, 3010 Ridge Road  
Suburban Bible, 3010 41st Street

A safe and fun alternative to trick or treating!

**INFO:** Call Suburban Bible at (219) 924-6240  
or New Life Christian Reformed at (219) 838-0506.

Trick-or-treating hours are from 5 to 7 p.m. October 31  
for all Highland ghouls and goblins!